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SUBJECT:CUBAN FLIGHTS TO ANGOLA

REF: GEORGETOWN 2136; PORT OF SPAIN 3043

1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT BARBADOS HAS WITHDRAWN PERMISSION FOR CUBANS TO REFUEL IN BARBADOS ENROUTE TO ANGOLA, AND CUBANS WILL BE SEEKING ALTERNATIVES. ERIC WILLIAMS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CUBANS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REFUEL IN TRINIDAD. GUYANA NOW SEEMS MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY, ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME GUYANA ALSO WOULD STILL NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANGOLA DISPUTE IN THIS WAY.

2. USG IS VERY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CUBAN INTERVENTION, AND WE WANT TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO REFRAIN FROM ASSISTING IN THIS CUBAN ADVENTURE. REALIZE OUR LEVER-

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AGE IS MINIMAL IN GEORGETOWN AND UNDERSTAND THAT AN

APPROACH COULD EVEN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AS ON KOREA ISSUE
IN UNGA. HOWEVER, IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL YOU
SHOULD CONVEY U.S. POSITION FORCEFULLY TO GOG AND URGE THEM
TO REFUSE COOPERATION WITH CUBANS. IN PARTICULAR YOU SHOULD
EMPHASIZE NEED TO DENY THEM USE OF TIMEHRI AIRPORT AS A
REFUELING STOP. KISSINGER

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